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FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST OF OMB DIRECTOR AND
PRESIDENT ECONOMIC ADVISER

REF: STATE 104774

1. VISIT BY OMB DIRECTOR LYNN AND CEA ADVISER
GREENSPAN IS MOST WELCOME. HOWEVER WITH U.S. HAWK
AIR DEFENSE DEAL IN JEOPARDY THERE IS, AND MAY CONTINUE
TO BE DURING PERIOD OF PROJECTED VISIT, UNCERTAINTY IN
POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE HERE AND AS A RESULT IN NATURE
OF CONTINUING ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN ALSO.

2. I SEE A COUPLE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE TIMING OF THE
VISIT. I THINK MISSION SHOULD SEE KING HUSSEIN,
CROWN PRINCE HASSAN (WHO HEADS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM HERE) AND PRIME MINISTER RIFAI WHO IS ALSO
MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CROWN PRINCE
OF JAPAN IS SCHEDULED FOR MAJOR VISIT HERE JUNE 9-12,
DURING WHICH TIME KING, CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER
WILL ALL BE HEAVILY ENGAGED. ALSO, ITINERARY ONLY
ALLOWS MAXIMUM OF 4-1/2 HOURS BUSINESS TIME IN JORDAN.
WHILE KING IS USUALLY GRACIOUS WITH HIS TIME, JORDANIANS
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ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT IMPORTANT GUESTS COMING HERE FOR

LIGHTNING VISITS BECAUSE JORDANIANS FEEL THEY CANNOT DO JUSTICE TO THEIR PROGRAM UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES AND OF COURSE IT IS SOMEWHAT PRESUMPTUOUS TO ASSUME KING, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE OTHERS, CAN ALTER HIS SCHEDULE TO FIT INTO A 4-1/2 HOUR ENVELOPE.

3. I WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND IF IT POSSIBLE, GIVEN OTHER SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS, THAT (1) MISSION AVOID JUNE 9-12 PERIOD OR A FRIDAY VISIT, WHICH IS WEEKEND HERE WHEN ANY OF LEADERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE; AND (2) MISSION SPEND PREFERABLY OVERNIGHT HERE, OR AT LEAST VISIT FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. IF SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT THESE ADJUSTMENTS WE WILL OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE WHATEVER PROGRAM WE CAN, PROBABLY NOT INVOLVING THE KING, CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER, OR POSSIBLY ONLY ONE OF THEM. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD ALSO TRY TO PLAN EMBASSY BRIEFINGS AS WELL AS MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS WITH GOJ FIGURES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MILITARY AREA WHERE OUR MAJOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE CONCENTRATED.
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